

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments found in the file, the Applicant's Arguments and Remarks, filed 7/22/2008, with respect to claims 1-10 in the pending application have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of 3/17/2008 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claim 1-10 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The applicant's arguments have been considered and are persuasive. Leimand (WO 99/01282) used in the previous non-final rejection does not teach the limitations of independent claims 1 and 7 in that the screen roller is arranged for continuous rotation by engaging the transmission of a printing machine when the printing machine is operating. Additional prior art, Christiansen (US Patent 6,971,310) was found and is deemed to be related to the application. However, Christiansen particularly does not teach that the rubber sheet cylinder has an axially oriented channel limited by a front and a rear edge of the rubber sheet. No prior art of record or obvious combination thereof teaches all of the limitations of claims 1 and 7. Thus, claims 1 and 7 are deemed allowable. Claims 2-6 and 8-10 are allowable as being dependent upon claims 1 and 7.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID BANH whose telephone number is (571)270-3851. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 9:30AM-8PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571)272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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